clerk of the Huzur Cutcherry has to do work of a charcater and nature which will never fall to the lot of a clerk of the Taluk Cutcherry or the Munsiff's Court or the Anchal office. And on this question you have brought home to me very forcibly that these are matters on which Government and their officers are the best judges, and gentlemen like you, however well-intentioned, cannot possibly judge such things without intimate knowledge of the work. I think these are matters which may safely be left to the Government.

162. Grant of facilities for the educational and economic advancement of the Muslims of Kunnathnad.

MR. ATHAN AHAMMED (*Member, Kunnathnad taluk, Group II*) said that Kunnathnad was one of the taluks in which Muhommedans lived in large numbers. As in other taluks, so in this taluk also the Muhommedan inhabitants were far behind others in point of education. As a means of encouraging the spread of education among them, their pupils should be exempted from payment of fees. Arabic munshies should also be appointed in the various schools in the taluk.

The 'Kodikuthu' ceremony conducted in certain mosques which led not rarely to riots and bloodshed should either be stopped or it should be allowed to be held only with the sanction of Government.

Poramboke sites adjoining mosques should be granted to them for opening cemeteries etc. An area of 5 acres out of the Poramboke site adjoining the newly opened mosque in S. No. 1/360-4 in the Vengola pakuthi should be gifted to the mosque and other concessions in the form of endowments should also be granted to it.

Friday should be declared a full holiday for Muslims.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Athan Ahammed, let a deputation of your community meet me on the subject of these cemeteries and then I shall take up the question for consideration. The registry of poramboke lands adjoining the cemeteries will also be considered if you put in an application for the purpose. I shall consult the High Court in regard to the arrangement of work on Fridays.

163. Muslims and the public service with special reference to the Judicial Department.

MR. M. A. NAVURKHANI ROWTHER (*Member, Nominated*) thanked the Dewan for having appointed a Muslim as a Munsiff. Speaking about the general representation of the Muslim community in the public service, he said that that community was still far behind others. Nor was this due to paucity of qualified men among them. There were many graduates-in-law at present in the community. They were kept out only by the apathy of heads of departments. Government should issue stringent instructions to all their subordinates to accord sufficient encouragement to the Muslim community. A Muslim should particularly be appointed as a District Judge and another as a High Court Judge.

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